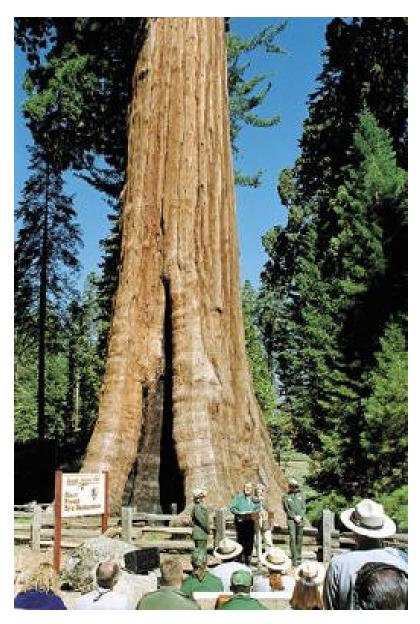
KEY EXTERNAL FACTORS

Several key external factors over which the parks have no control could significantly affect efforts to achieve long-term and annual goals. These include changes in visitation levels, donations, or funding based on the global political and economic situation; public anxiety over travel; changing visitation patterns and use; global climate change; air and water pollution generated outside park boundaries; wildfire; exotic species invasions; habitat fragmentation; development next to park boundaries; and major demographic changes in the San Joaquin Valley.



President Bush addresses employees at the new Giant Forest Museum,